



## A Christian That Acts

### MAIN THING

A Christian that wins lives out what they believe.

### SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-26

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever met someone who talks a good talk, but never really backs it up? Have you ever found yourself being that person? What was the situation like?

### OPENING THOUGHT

Our faith is seen through that which we do, not that which we say. By the fruit we know what kind of tree it is. We don't save ourselves with our actions. Only Jesus' death on the cross does that, but our faith is shown every day by what we do. An apple tree that produces pears is not an apple tree. It is a pear tree. By our fruit we will be known for who we are. How we treat the people around us, how we live out our faith day to day, is the greatest measure of our walk with Christ. Sometimes, your actions are so loud that people can't hear what you're saying.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. You've probably been taught that we are saved through faith and not by works. James 2:14-17 has something to say about that. Is this section of scripture working against that thought, or is it in agreement? How do our works directly affect our faith and vice-versa?
3. What is the importance of righteousness? Webster's Dictionary says the definition for righteousness is: the quality of being morally right or justifiable. How is this needed in the life of a Christian? What does James say about it in vs. 21-25? How is this affected/does it affect our faith?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Living a righteous life seems to be very important in this section of Scripture. If you were to take a snapshot of your last 30 days, how righteous would you look? Would you be able to say that you were a light and example of God's love throughout the last month, or were you something much different? As a disciple of Christ, it's important to always follow after Christ so that people will see that your faith and actions are working together, and your faith is made complete by that. Take a look at how you treat others, react to situations and carry yourself in your daily walk. Take control, and be sure to always live in such a way that people see Christ through your actions, not just your words.

### CHALLENGE

How is your group showing Christ's love together? Are you only meeting together, or are you reaching out? Are you serving? Are you doing more than just a study? If you are, that's incredible!!!! If not, let's change that. Start serving as a group. Serve at a soup kitchen. Adopt a missionary or foster/adoptive family. Find a local cause you're willing to fight for. When we are living out the gospel, our faith becomes very real.